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Welcome to this week's Cactus District Weekly Update!
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GLENDALE COMES TO TERMS WITH AEG AS NEW MANAGER FOR GILA RIVER ARENA

Agreement Maximizes Potential of State-of-the-Art Facility and Westgate Entertainment District Review and makes changes

The city of Glendale is pleased to announce AEG Glendale, a division of AEG Facilities LLC, as the new manager for Gila River Arena following a unanimous decision by the Glendale City Council on Tuesday evening. AEG Facilities is a stand-alone affiliate of AEG which is the world's largest sports and live entertainment company providing comprehensive venue management and programming services.



"AEG Facilities has an exceptional track record of managing arenas and understands the National Hockey League (NHL) at a very high level," said Glendale City Manager Kevin Phelps. "We want to keep the Arizona Coyotes playing in their state-of-the-art home, Gila River Arena, and this new partnership with AEG provides the best set of resources and the expertise and economic vision to support the city's commitment to keep the Coyotes in Glendale and in Arizona."

There is one more year on the lease agreement between the city and the Coyotes. If approved as the arena manager, it is AEG Facilities' responsibility to negotiate a new agreement with the team. "We are looking forward to working with the Covotes at Gila



River Arena for this coming season and beyond," said Chuck Steedman, Chief Operating Officer AEG Facilities. "Glendale is known as a premier destination for high-profile entertainment and sports events and with the exceptional lines of sight for hockey along with its great fans, Gila River Arena provides the perfect setting for NHL games."

The agreement provides cost certainty for the taxpayers which was a key goal for Assistant City Manager Tom Duensing. "This is a financially sound deal that results in Glendale paying a lower arena management fee than in previous years and creates a sustainable profit-sharing component between AEG Glendale and the city," Duensing said. "Driving attendance and driving revenue are what AEG does best."

In addition, the shared passion of the city and AEG to drive business to Westgate Entertainment District is a priority for both parties. AEG's proven track record in this area is a major reason why it was selected as the finalist. "AEG's success is founded on its proven business model of finding creative ways to encourage visitors to come to the area in addition to getting them in the arena," said Phelps. He points to AEG's experience with STAPLES Center and the multi-billion dollar entertainment district adjacent to it, L.A. LIVE in Los Angeles and The O2 arena in London which is adjacent to a 28-acre entertainment complex as examples that impressed the city in the arena manager selection process.

Another deciding factor was AEG Facilities' elite global network of world-class venues, including a very strong presence in the southwest and western United States in locations such as Las Vegas, Los Angeles and San Diego which regularly attract leading artists and events.

Drink More Glendale Water!

EXCELLENT TEST RESULTS FOR GLENDALE WATER QUALITY

Commitment to providing exceptional water to residents continues

The city of Glendale is pleased to report the findings of its 2015 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) and is proud to have received excellent scores for water quality levels during calendar year 2015.

This is especially timely in light of the fact that the issue of safe drinking water has been prominent in the news recently as residents in some parts of Michigan struggle to get access to water free of lead. "Because there are no lead service lines in the city's municipal water service system, not only would a scenario like the one in Michigan be unlikely to happen here, we are proud to report our drinking water meets or surpasses every drinking water requirement set by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency," says Water Services Department Director Craig Johnson.



Each year, the Glendale Water Quality Laboratory (WQL) conducts more than 45,000 water quality and process control tests to ensure the city's water is safe to drink. The Safe Drinking Water Act requires that the city provide drinking water quality information to the

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Glendale's WQL looks for microbial contaminants such as viruses and bacteria, inorganic contaminants including salts and metals, organic chemical contaminants, pesticides, herbicides and radioactive contaminants. In addition to the tests listed above, the city of Glendale tests water daily for chlorine, pH, conductivity and turbidity to ensure that drinking water treatment plants are operating efficiently and to the highest standards.

Tests are conducted from the time the water is delivered from Central Arizona Project and Salt River Project canals, to the time the water arrives at a resident's faucet. This includes testing in the canals, at the inlet and outlet of the treatment plants, at key locations in the distribution systems and at some customer's taps.

Glendale's Water Services Department's purpose is to provide customers with safe, reliable, high quality water and wastewater services to ensure the public health and vitality of the community.

Bill paying customers will receive a notice that the 2015 CCR is available in the May and June editions of City Connection that is delivered with water bills. This report can be viewed electronically at: <http://www.glendaleaz.com/2015ccr> Customers can also call Water Services at 623-930-4177 and ask for a paper copy to be mailed to them.

For additional information on Glendale Water Services Department, visit www.glendaleaz.com/utilities.

More News and Notes From the City Council

The City's Boards and Commissions assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact our community. These citizen advisory groups research, study, and discuss specific issues. You can find the full list of all 17 commissions and apply online at: www.GlendaleAZ.com/boardsandcommissions or you can call (623) 930-2878 and I will be happy to send you a brochure in the mail.



Cactus District:
Community Development Advisory Committee

At-Large:
Citizens Bicycle Advisory Committee - 3 Openings
Industrial Development Authority
Risk Management/Worker's Compensation Trust Fund Board

Celebrate your Mother with Shopping, Food, and More!

DOWNTOWN GLENDALE HOSTS MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION MAY 7

Moms can enjoy a special day of shopping, dining and more

Poet Robert Browning said "Motherhood: all love begins and ends there." Show your mother how much you love and appreciate her with a special day in Historic Downtown



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Glendale and Catlin Court from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 7.



Mothers, daughters, sisters and friends are encouraged to start their day at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Dr., Suite 140, to pick up an event map. The first 250 moms will receive a free gift grab bag.

In addition, the Glendale Visitor Center, in partnership with Soroptimist International of the Kachinas of Glendale, wants to honor all deployed women by collecting donations for Operation Women Warriors. The Operation Women Warriors project will send specialized care packages to female soldiers stationed overseas. Needed items include bulk hard candies, travel-sized toiletries, facial lotion with sunscreen, foot cream, SPF lip balm, personal hygiene products, cough drops and hair bands. The entire list of need items is posted online.

Once on your way from the Visitor Center, you'll discover special deals at select merchants, gift ideas and activities, including \$15 readings and \$5 massages in The Astrology Store. Desert Rose Pizza and Gastropub will offer \$10 off a lunch purchase for moms (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.), and Cerreta Candy Company is offering a fun activity that can double as a gift for mom (or anyone!) For just \$25, two people can dip, decorate and create Marshmallow and Strawberry Pops, which even come with their own display box. Even better? If anyone donates to the Operation Warrior Woman supply drive, they will receive a coupon for 25% off, making it \$20 for two to create! Finally, Ollie the Trolley will be circulating throughout the downtown area to transport visitors to different destinations, including Cerreta Candy Company at no charge.

Donations can be dropped off anytime through May 7 at the Glendale Visitor Center located at 5800 W. Glenn Dr. For more information, call 623-930-2955. For more information about the Soroptimist International of the Kachinas of Glendale, visit www.sikachinas.org.

The Mother's Day Celebration is presented by the Visit Glendale and the Historic Downtown business community. More information about the Mother's Day activities is available at 623-930-4500 or online at www.visitglendale.com.

2016 Events and Activity Listings



Thunderbird Paseo Desert Garden Landscape and Cleanup Project

*8 a.m.-12 p.m., Thursday, May 12, 2016
Thunderbird Paseo Park, 67th Ave. and Thunderbird Rd.*

Nearly 60 agents from Keller Williams Realty will be assisting with desert garden cleanup. Staff contact: Michelle Yates at 623-930-2044 or Bryan Wagner at 623-930-2653.

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Movies at the Murph!

Take your kids out to Murphy Park and enjoy a family movie, free! The first movie will take place on Friday, March 25, 2016, at Murphy Park Amphitheatre, which is located at 58th Avenue & Glendale Avenue starting at dusk. Here is a list of the dates and the movies. Pre-movie events kick off at 6:00 pm.

1. Minions (PG) - March 25th
2. Inside Out (PG) - April 8th
3. The Good Dinosaur (PG) - April 22nd
4. Frozen (PG) - May 6th
5. Big Hero 6 (PG) - May 22nd



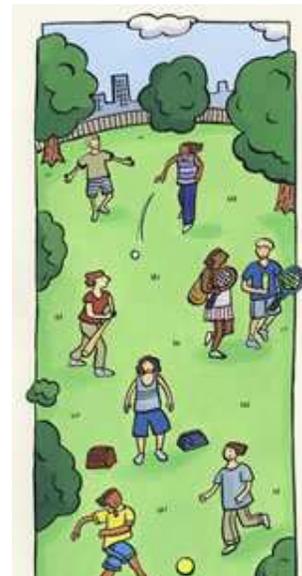
Coffee with a Cop Events

Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and hear about crime trends in your neighborhood. For more information, contact your Community Action Team: Officer Andy Lynes, 623-930-2554, Crime Prevention Specialist Angela Botz, 623-930-2571.
May 25 - Denny's - 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. - 4303 W. Peoria

Partners 'N Parks Program

Time: TBD, Friday, May 27, 2016
Maryland Lakes Park, 47th Ave. and Maryland Ave.

Southwest Behavioral and Health volunteers will assist with litter patrol and light raking. Staff contact: Michelle Yates at 623-930-2044.





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